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Prizes Awarded in Index Corn Contest

On Saturday, October 30th, The Index's corn cabinet was turned over to W. B. Springer and R. M. Smith, two well known and experienced corn growers of this county who awarded the prizes under the offers that have been repeated in these columns the past two months. The awards were as follows:

First—D. R. Lawry, Medicine Lodge. Prize, \$3 cash and one year's subscription.

Second—P. B. Cole, Jr. Cedar. Prize, \$2 cash and six months subscription.

Third—Peter Hoover, Eagle. Prize, \$1 cash and three months subscription.

Best kafir corn, Sim Depew, Eagle township—prize \$1.50.

Best cane, A. Ott, Eagle township—prize \$1.50.

The winners of these prizes are requested to call at this office and receive the cash and credits due them.

There were thirty-three farmers represented in this display and the exhibits were so close that it was difficult for the judges to decide,

but they used their best judgment. The largest ears, it was agreed, were shown by Andrew Ott of Eagle, but they lacked the evenness and perfection which the judges decided was necessary to merit an award. C. A. Blackmore of Sharon was also close. His display was fine.

The cabinet which contains this display is 6 by 8 feet with a glass front. It has been sold to T. L. Lindley & Co. who will keep it in their office as an advertisement of what Barber county can produce in an exceptionally dry year. It also contains samples of different small grains and on the whole is a nice little display.

The Index thanks the farmers who assisted in this little enterprise. We are sorry that all could not win. In fact, we wish we could have offered several firsts, seconds and thirds, for we believe the display shows that a number were very close to a tie.

None of the farmers represented in this display need be ashamed of the showing made.

Taxes Are Due

County Treasurer Groendycke began receiving tax money on Monday, October 1st. His official notice together with the levy of 1909 is published elsewhere, and it is easy to figure the amount of your taxes if you know what your valuation is, the number of your school district and the city and township in which you are assessed. In the cities of Medicine Lodge and Kiowa the rate is 20 mills or two per cent. This is on account of the increase in state and city levies.

In the country districts the increase is due almost entirely to the increased state levy.

If you happen to be one of the men who helped to bring about this condition of affairs with your vote, whether you live in the city or the country, walk up to the cashier, pay your money and look pleasant; but if you happen to be one of the minority who was wise enough to see ahead and voted to prevent it, try to enlighten your neighbor so that he will not commit the same folly next fall.

High School Notes

Jessie Murphy was absent Friday.

Chapel was omitted Monday morning.

We hear that there has been one walking lesson given.

Paul Fair took charge of the American history class Monday.

The opinion of the B. C. H. S. boys concerning the Pratt football boys would not look well in print.

Paul Fair and Raymond Schmidt took a little the worse for the wear since the Pratt football game on Friday.

Marie Thomas entertained about 35 young friends Friday evening at a Halloween party. A good time is reported by all.

As room No. 9's per cent of attendance was 95.1 and No. 10's was 97.2 the high school enjoyed a quarter holiday Friday.

Prof. Major was absent Monday. He sent word that his case was not serious. We think he must have been out "halloweening."

Mass Meeting

The Farmers Institute will hold a meeting at the Court House in Medicine Lodge, on Tuesday and Wednesday, Nov. 9 and 10, 1909. The Institute will open Tuesday at 10:30 a. m. At this meeting the Judges will pass on the Boys' Corn Contest.

Speakers will be here from the State Agricultural School.

All members are requested to come and bring their neighbors with them.

The ladies will be addressed by Miss Brown of the State College. Everyone come.

J. M. HALL,
President

Farms for Rent

Large and small, at a cheap rent for cash. For particulars see Henry Wisner.

New Bus Line

Tip McCracken and Jack Williams have engaged in a partnership under the firm name of The Medicine Lodge Bus and Transfer Company, to operate a new bus and transfer line in this city. They have purchased a new 10-passenger bus and also a transfer wagon and expect to begin business this week.

There is too much business here for one bus and transfer company and, after looking over the field thoroughly, Messrs. McCracken and Williams concluded that there was room for two.

The new firm is composed of progressive wide-awake men and will be strong competitors.

H. Tisdale, owner of the other line, and J. C. Aubley, manager, are also determined to hold the trade and we anticipate much strenuousness between the two companies but we hope that it will not reach the extremity which sometimes manifests itself in some towns in bus competition when we all get "Free Bus to the Astor House."

A Taft Cocktail

Half of New Orleans is drinking the Taft cocktail and the other half is waiting for the white aproned parties to mix them.

In New Orleans it has been the custom for ages to improvise a new drink and name it after distinguished citizens or visitors. Thus in New Orleans was borne the Sazarac, the Roofinac, the Sarah Bernhart and the Ramos Fizz. But the Taft cocktail, its proud inventor claims, is superior to them all in flavor, bouquet and soothing effects. And he ought to know, for he is the originator of the fiza.

The Taft cocktail is built after the manner of the Creole cocktail, but it has some trimmings.

A mixture of lime and lemon juice is prepared, the rim of the glass, after being iced, is dipped in this mixture and frosted in confectioner's sugar.

City Affairs

The mayor and council met in regular session Monday night. The monthly bills amounting to \$605.70 were allowed. One voucher of \$7.50 for special police services was laid over and it was tacitly agreed that the services of this special policeman will hereafter be dispensed with. The free use of fire arms on the part of the policeman and the extraordinary prices heretofore paid him, probably had something to do with bringing about the decision.

Two street crossings were ordered—one on Main street on the corner of Cole's store and one on Kansas avenue west, from B. S. Kaufman's residence to Mrs. Emma Johnson-Adams's residence.

An adjourned meeting of the council will be held on Friday evening of this week at which time a sidewalk ordinance will be passed affecting some north Main street lots.

1000, Locust posts for sale, 7 feet long with sawed ends, from 4 to 12 cents each. Claude Stockstill, Sharon, Kans.

Suit For Divorce

Pat Larkin, through his attorneys, Noble & Tinscher, has filed a suit for divorce against his wife, Mary Louise Larkin. He alleges extreme cruelty in that the defendant curses him, calls him vile names and has denied him the privilege of staying at home. Mr. Larkin alleges that his wife drove him away from home October 1st and warned him not to come back. He also alleges that he has been an invalid for a number of years and is unable to care for himself; that he is dependent upon the charity of friends and relatives for medical attention and support. He states that he and his wife own two farms but on account of his sickness and inability, caused by chronic asthma and lung trouble, he deeded one farm to his wife and another to his son, Ed Larkin. They have also some stock which is in his wife's title. He asks that all the property be divided and that the defendant be required to pay the costs of litigation. Mrs. Larkin has not yet made answer but it is rumored that she will resist the suit. Mr. Larkin is now taking medical treatment in Stafford.

This family resides at Deerhead. The parties are among Barber county's earliest settlers. They have five children, three of whom have arrived at their majority. The disagreement at this late period in life is regrettable and it is hoped by their friends that they may become reconciled.

Like Marble

Thomas Best, of Medicine Lodge, general manager of the Best-Keene Cement Company, was in the city a few hours yesterday afternoon. Mr. Best is pleased over the success of the company in producing a cement such as has heretofore been obtained only in England, which is used in making imitation marble.

This cement has been given a thorough test, not only in this city, but elsewhere, and it has been pronounced as good or better than the English product.

The columns on the first floor of the Scottish Rite temple in this city are finished in this cement and every one who sees them believe they are real marble.

Ex-Senator Chester I. Long is now in the east for the purpose of locating several agencies for the new cement. C. Q. Chandler, president of the Kansas National Bank, of this city, is one of the principal stockholders and officers in the company.—Wichita Beacon.

A Splendid Company

The Wolford Stock Company which played in Medicine Lodge five nights last week is an excellent company. It requires merit and stage ability to play a week in a city, giving a change of bill each night, and these the Wolford people possess in a marked degree.

The plots are all interesting and exciting and the clever specialties between acts prevented a lull so common to most plays.

The plays put on during the week were, "A Wife in Name Only," "The Little Minister," "The Thief," "The Finish of Mr. Fresh" and "The Black Wolf." It would be difficult to say which was the best. Opinions differ, but all were better than most plays that come to Medicine Lodge.

"Only 500 Acres"

The Wichita Beacon of last Thursday has this bit of news concerning A. J. Hargis, formerly of Lake City, this county, who is now doing considerable building and buying real estate in Wichita:

"A. J. Hargis, formerly of Barber county who bought the Parmenter residence in the ninth block on North Topeka avenue, has also bought the lot north of his place and has the foundation laid for an apartment house which will cost about \$5,000."

"Mr. Hargis is a cattle man who owns a large ranch in Barber county. Speaking of the outlook for the cattle business he says it is excellent, the ranchmen having lots of rough feed."

"The thing that worries me," said Mr. Hargis, with a shrewd smile, "is that alfalfa is worth so much at the mill near my ranch, I cannot afford to feed it."

"Mr. Hargis added that he only had 500 acres in alfalfa, but as it was far superior in yield to any around here, he would try to get along with that little."

Tie Score—Pratt Couldn't Steal It

The B. C. H. S. foot ball team met the citizens, the High School and its team, if such it could be called, the umpire, and linemen of Pratt on the latter's field last Friday, in a game which could hardly bear the name of foot ball. Against this ingenious invention of such fertile brains our boys were able to hold them to a tie game. This was necessarily all they dared do. The boys confidently believe that if they had by some unlooked for accident, scored on Pratt, they would have been mobbed by the crowd.

While, the linemen and umpire stole down, the boys themselves called out such names, that even men who prefer to be gentlemen would not call others. Such was the reception, thus the boys were treated last Friday.

It would seem that it were better to change the Golden Rule, to read, "Do not unto others, as you would have them do unto you," for if ever a team was kindly treated, Pratt was thus treated here a few weeks ago; and if ever a team was treated dirty, foully and rotten our boys were given that reception Friday.

All teams who ever pretend to stand for clean athletics, should boycott such a bunch of hyenas, who away from home are "the Wee Good Lambs" and at home are the foul, dirty and filthy things that demand no more respect from common men, than the low creatures which crawl upon the earth.

It is sincerely hoped that Pratt, together with its foot ball team(?) feels, good over the game which they were not even able to steal. Score 0 to 0.

The lineup of the P. H. S. is not deemed worthy to be printed beside the B. C. H. S. lineup.

The B. C. H. S. lineup was as follows:

Right End, Vestal Cook.
Right Tackle, Eli Harbaugh.
Right Guard, Elmer Thomas.
Center, Bertram Burton.
Left Guard, Paul Richardson.
Left Tackle, Raymond Schmidt.
Left End, Glenn Richardson.
Right Half, Paul Fair.
Left Half, John MacGregor.
Full Back, Lee Chapin.
Quarter Back, Riley MacGregor.
F. B. T.

The Auto Didn't Stop

On Saturday night, the same being Halloween, Otto Southworth, Guilford Davis and Lee Chapin were riding around town in Mr. Southworth's automobile and several of the city police interfered, claiming that they were exceeding the speed limit. The auto party were commanded to stop but they ignored the command whereupon there was a fusillade of bullets from police headquarters and then there was a race in earnest. The automobile went like greased lightning and was out of sight in less time than it would require to tell the story.

After the boys returned they were ordered to report to the police judge on Monday but up to this time they have not reported, and moreover they say they have no intention of reporting. They say they did not exceed the speed limit until the police began shooting at them when they had to put on speed to get away from danger.

If this is true, the marshals who did the shooting did wrong. It is bad policy anyway for a marshal to shoot where there is no emergency requiring it.

There are limits to which officers can go, as well as speed limits for autoists, and when an officer so far forgets himself as to endanger human life by shooting in a public street upon such slight provocation it is time to call a halt.

To My Friends

I desire to heartily thank the good people of Medicine Lodge who so kindly assisted me during my long sickness last spring and summer. I appreciate it far beyond my ability to express my gratitude in words.

Mrs. Anna Reif,
Denver, Colo.

Fish, Oysters and Celery at Cole & Son's meat market on Friday.

Those wanting husking hooks and gloves, remember that W. E. Stout carries a complete line.

Dr. Williams Bound Over to the District Court

Dr. D. F. Williams of Chillicothe, Missouri, the veterinary surgeon who was arrested on a charge of perjury on account of his testimony in the case of the State of Kansas vs. D. M. Circle at the October term of the district court which was held in this city a few weeks ago, had his preliminary hearing before Justice Tedrow in this city on Monday and was bound over to await trial at the February term of court. His bond was fixed at \$1,000.

Dr. Williams was represented by Scott Miller of Chillicothe and Noble & Tinscher of this city. County Attorney Field, assisted by Samuel Griffin of this city and F. F. Perry of Kiowa, prosecuted the case.

Following Judge Tedrow's decision Dr. Williams's attorneys stated that they would bring habeas corpus proceedings before Judge Gillett. Judge Gillett was reached by phone and he set the hearing for yesterday afternoon, arriving at 1:30. The case was being presented when the paper went on the press.

This case is another outgrowth of the Circle-Potter land and drug store trade that has been in the Barber county courts in different shapes for nearly two years. D. M. Circle was tried in the October term of court, a few weeks ago, charged with conspiring to defraud Mrs. Potter in her dealings. Dr. Williams was an important witness against Mr. Circle. He testified that he saw Mr. Circle in Chil-

licothe on certain days when Mr. Circle claims and proves he was in Barber county. If Circle and his friends are truthful in the matter, then the statute of limitations have run in the case and he can not be prosecuted, but if Dr. Williams is right, the prosecution is brought in time. Therefore it is a vital point and one in which a witness should be very careful.

The disputed dates in the case are May 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18, and 19, all of which days Dr. Williams claims Circle was in Chillicothe. The district court records in this city show that Mr. Circle was here and had a case in court some of those days, and there are checks written by him and cashed by him showing that he was in Kiowa on the other days, corroborated, at least partially, by C. C. Skilling, of the Kiowa bank, which seems to put Dr. Williams in a hole, unless it can be attributed to a faulty memory.

Whatever the final result may be, the testimony in this case is not very complimentary to Dr. Williams and the people of Barber county are proud that he is not a citizen here. The next time that he voluntarily consents to leave his state to go four hundred miles to offer testimony intended to send another man to the penitentiary he will probably give the matter more serious thought and at least be careful to tell the truth, the whole truth and nothing but the truth.

Deputy Marshals Arrested

C. W. Spawr made complaint to County Attorney Field yesterday against Deputy Marshals R. W. Moss and D. S. Jones charging them with disturbing the peace. The marshals entered Mr. Spawr's restaurant Saturday (Halloween) night and pulled out Robert Warwick and Young Wheat by the coat collars when Mr. Spawr alleges they were doing nothing out of the ordinary and were his customers. County Attorney Field said yesterday that the warrant would in all probability be issued today. Mr. Spawr is very indignant over the matter and looks on the affair as a personal affront as well as a violation of law.

Additional Hunters' Licenses

Since our last issue the following hunters' licenses have been issued. The total number is now 160:

Allen Hibbard, Medicine Lodge.	"
T. A. Coleman.	"
Chas. M. Johnson.	"
J. E. Woodward.	"
Ora Mathews.	"
W. A. Bankin.	"
G. W. Lindley.	"
E. E. Dunkin.	"
W. Colborn.	"
H. B. Mathew.	"
E. E. Harris.	"
Joe Pruitt.	"
H. D. Fair.	"
Chris Kougel.	"
Yes Stephenson, Harleton.	"
H. E. Lake, Lake City.	"
D. D. McKimmiting, Kiowa.	"
John Vanaman.	"
Ralph Hoyt.	"
Allen Lewis.	"
Ed King.	"
G. H. Dowstain.	"
Ed Link.	"
D. O. Metz.	"
W. W. Wallace.	"
R. H. Baird, Nashville.	"
T. A. Coss, Isabel.	"
R. R. Corlies, Coats.	"
O. J. Corlies.	"

Will Give Cantata

The Medicine Lodge Choral Society expect to give the Cantata, "Queen Esther," the second week in December, for the benefit of the Library Fund. There are twenty-seven members of the Choral Society, under the leadership of Mrs. Blanche Griffin, and they will be assisted by some of the High School pupils.

This will be an entertainment well worth one's time to hear.

Thos. Poulton took very seriously sick again Monday and for a short time his life was endangered. He is better again but liable to another attack at any time. He is said to be troubled with gall stones.

Elder Ingle delivered an interesting illustrated lecture at the Christian church Monday night and last night. His subject Monday night was, The Apostle Paul. The views were very beautiful and the lecture very instructive.

Sheriff Mathews destroyed Dr. Kociell's contraband wet goods last Thursday without great pomp or ceremony. He simply broke the bottles and jugs, poured out the liquid and lit a match and all of the M. D.'s "meticine" that was once intended to make weak men ascend unto the seventh heaven at a single leap, was licked up in a prismatic flame and therewith went a moan of many parched throats that still remain athirst. The Doctor's magic surgeon's chair and other small effects with several spare flasks of unnamable liquids, which were held to be not contraband, were spared from the angry, unrelenting flames and returned to him. Meanwhile our physician, friend and hero languished contentedly in durance vile with 18 more dark days ahead when he will again be permitted to emerge from the dungeon purged and purified until perchance he might again defile himself by bartering the forbidden stuff.